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SUBJECT: CHINA'S IMPORTS OF MINING EQUIPMENT

1. LOCAL HONG KONG PRESS CARRIED REUTERS ITEM DATED AUGUST 1 REPORTING 12 MILLION POUND CHINESE ORDER FOR MINING EQUIPMENT FROM BRITAIN'S DOWTY MINING EQUIPMENT AND DOWTY MECO. THIS FOLLOWS RECENT 5 MILLION POUND ORDER MINING EQUIPMENT FROM BRITAIN'S GULLICK DOBSON (EXPORT) CONSISTING OF EQUIPMENT FOR LONG WALL COAL MINING INSTALLATION (SINO-BRITISH TRADE, MAY 1973). THESE ORDERS HELP CONFIRM CHINA'S WILLINGNESS EXPEND SCARE FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND HER COAL INDUSTRY TO MEET RAPIDLY GROWING DEMAND FOR HIGH-QUALITY COAL.

2. AS U.S. IS MAJOR PRODUCER OF MINING EQUIPMENT, WE ARE ATTEMPTING ASSESS POSSIBILITIES U.S. SALES OF SUCH EQUIPMENT TO CHINA. THUS, WE NEED MORE DETAILS ON LATEST DEAL. WAS IT SAME TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AS EARLIER SALE? WHAT WERE AMOUNTS OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF EQUIPMENT THAT WERE INCLUDED AND INTENDED USE THEREOF?

3. A PROMPT RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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